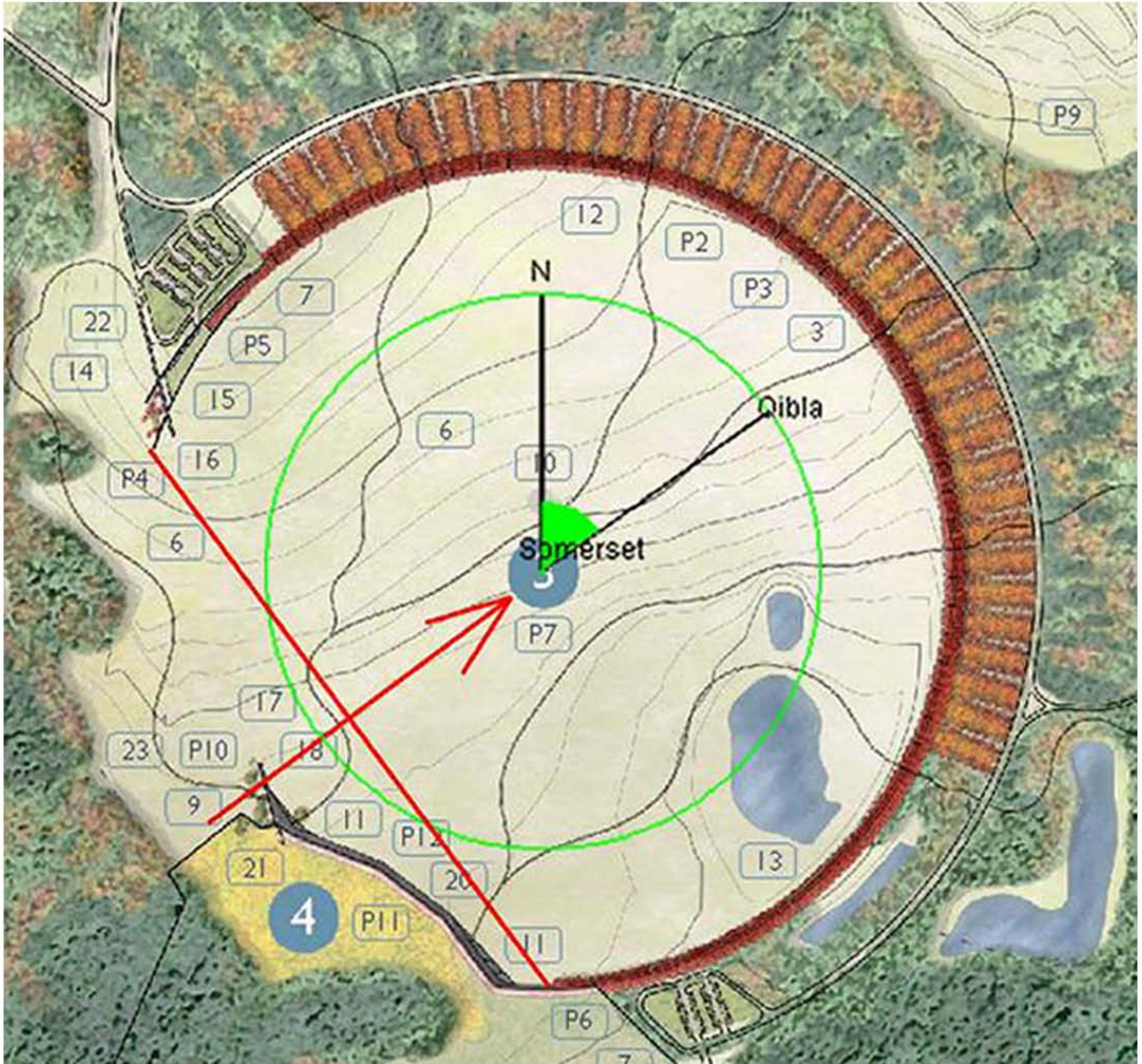


It points to Mecca!



The green “qibla” circle in this graphic is from the prayer-direction calculator at Islam.com. It shows the direction to Mecca from Somerset PA (ten miles from the crash site). The red arrow shows that a person standing between the crescent tips and facing into the center of the crescent will be facing almost exactly at Mecca.

A crescent that Muslims face into to face Mecca is called a “mihrab,” and is the central feature around which every mosque is built.